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1. SELECTIONS FROM ADDITIONAL MEDIA COMMENTARY ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REMARKS TO CONGRESSIONAL WIVES FOLLOW BELOW:

2. NO MENTION IN MAIN EVENING TV NEWSCAST OF KISSINGER'S SPEECH TO CONGRESSIONAL WIVES. BRIEF FACTUAL REPORT BY RAI CORR GAWRONSKI IN LATE EVENING TV NEWSCAST (10:30) ON FURTHER STATEMENTS CLARIFYING SPEECH.

3. MORNING RADIO NEWSCAST CARRIED 2 MIN. REPORT AS THIRD ITEM. ANCHORMAN NOTED: "KISSINGER IS BUSY WITH U.S. RELATIONS WHICH HAVE BECOME LESS EASY SINCE EUROPE IS TRYING TO TAKE AUTONOMOUS INITIATIVES, LIKE ATTEMPT DEAL DIRECTLY WITH OIL-PRODUCING ARAB COUNTRIES. KISSINGER MADE STATEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN TERMED 'DARING' IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. NOW THESE STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN QUALIFIED." GAWRONSKI REPORTED FROM WASHINGTON: "KISSINGER, AFTER SHARP REACTIONS TO HIS CHARGES AGAINST EUROPEAN ALLIES, TRIED LAST NIGHT TO QUALIFY HIS STATEMENTS. HE ADMITTED THAT THE ALLIANCE IS TROUBLED BY SERIOUS PROBLEMS, BUT ASSURED THAT U.S. WILL TRY OVERCOME THESE WITH PATIENCE AND GOOD WILL. NIXON TOO REPEATED THAT ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IS CORNERSTONE OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. ACCORDING TO STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, WHEN KISSINGER TALKED TO THE WIVES, HE DID NOT REALIZE JOURNALISTS WERE PRESENT AND WAS THEREFORE BLUNTER AND LESS DIPLOMATIC

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THAN HE WOULD HAVE LIKED. KISSINGER, IN HIS MORE CONCILIATORY

STATEMENT LAST NIGHT, SAID THAT MAIN PROBLEM IS TO CONSTRUCT COOPERATIVE WORLD ORDER. ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF THIS IS UNITY IN WEST. 'OUR OVERRIDING OBJECTIVES,' SAID KISSINGER, 'IS TO PRESERVE UNITY OF WEST.'"

4. CORRIERE DELLA SERA HEADLINES OVER STORIES BY FOREIGN NEWS EDITOR DINO FRESCOBALDI AND US CORR UGO STILLE: "CRITICAL MOMENT BETWEEN KISSINGER AND EUROPE." FRESCOBALDI NOTES THAT "HENRY KISSINGER NOT POPULAR IN OLD WORLD. EUROPEAN REALIZE THEIR HESITATIONS IRRITATE KISSINGER. EUROPEANS ARE PROBABLY BECOMING MORE AND MORE AWARE THEY DO NOT COUNT FOR MUCH. THIS IS FIRST AND SIMPLEST EXPLANATION OF ICY WALL DIVIDING TWO SIDES OF ATLANTIC. IS THIS DUE TO MISUNDERSTANDING OR DOES IT CONTAIN DEEPER TRUTH? THESE MISUNDERSTANDINGS CAN ONLY HIDE HARDER REALITY. DIVIDED EUROPE WHICH WAS UNABLE TO REACH MINIMUM POLITICAL COORDINATION ON OIL ISSUE DESERVES TO DEAL WITH MAN LIKE KISSINGER WHO REMINDS EUROPE OF HER IMPOTENCE IN WAY HE TREATS HER. WHEN EUROPEANS ACCUSE KISSINGER OF FOLLOWING FORCEFUL POLICY THEY IMPLICITLY RECOGNIZE THEIR WEAKNESS."

5. CORRESPONDENT UGO STILLE ANALYZES KISSINGER'S BEHAVIOR TOWARD EUROPE: "IT IS HARD TO REMEMBER SUCH EXPLICIT AND SHARP WORDS IN DISPUTES BETWEEN ALLIES. SOMETIMES ONE GETS IMPRESSION THAT KISSINGER DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO FACE PSYCHOLOGICAL, INTANGIBLE ELEMENTS INVOLVED IN DIALOGUE WITH EUROPE, ALTHOUGH HE IS AWARE THEY EXIST. HOW DOES HE PROPOSE TO SOLVE CRISIS WHICH HE ADMITS IS SERIOUS? FOR MOMENT WE MUST NOTE THAT KISSINGER IS USING ONE OF HIS FAVORITE TECHNIQUES TO DRAMATIZE CRISIS IN HOPE THAT INCREASE OF TENSION MAY HELP IN SOLVING CRISIS. HE USED THIS METHOD BEFORE WITH SUCCESS WITH ADVERSARIES. BUT IT IS STILL NOT CERTAIN THAT THIS WILL BE SUCCESSFUL WITH EUROPEANS."

6. VITTORIO ZUCCONI FROM WASHINGTON, LA STAMPA UNDER HEAD: KISSINGER'S VERY VIOLENT ATTACK AGAINST EUROPE." ZUCCONI WRITES: " AN UNHEARD-OF STATEMENT. KISSINGER NEVER DARED TO EXPRESS OPINION ON STABILITY OF SOVIET OR CHINESE GOVERNMENTS, ALTHOUGH THESE ARE TRADITIONAL POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL OPPONENTS OF U.S. SUCH HARSH STATEMENT ON 'LEGALITY' OR 'POPULARITY' OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE OF NIXON ADMINISTRATION (ALTHOUGH KISSINGER IS ABOVE SUSPICION IN WATERGATE) IS UNCLASSIFIED

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SURPRISING. ONE CANNOT SAY THAT USG HAS ANYTHING TO GAIN IN EXCHANGING CHARGES AND COUNTERCHARGES /WITH EUROPE/. KISSINGER RESENTFUL ATTITUDE SEEMS TO SHOW GRUDGE AGAINST THE EUROPE WHICH HARBORED NAZI-FASCIST CRUELTY AND FORCED KISSINGER FAMILY ESCAPE FROM HITLER'S GERMANY AND CONCENTRATION CAMPS. IN HIS POLEMIC OUTBURST KISSINGER IS FULLY BACKED BY NIXON. BOTH MEN SHARE DEEP IRRITATION TOWARDS EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FOR HAMPERING PEACEFUL AND FINAL SOLUTION OF CRISIS. AGREEMENTS OF THE

TYPE REACHED BY FRANCE ARE CONSIDERED DISASTROUS BY AMERICANS AND ONE SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT LATTER ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE CAPABLE CONVINCING ARABS AND ISRAELIS TO REACH PERMANENT AGREEMENT. THIS INCREASE IN POLEMICS RAISES SUSPICIONS THAT WASHINGTON WANTS VERBAL ESCALATION TO HIGHLIGHT NIXON EUROPEAN VISIT AND GIVE MORE IMPORTANCE TO POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESS AND AGREEMENTS IN OLD WORLD. PROBABLY THERE ARE TACTICAL REASONS, BUT VIRULENCE OF KISSINGER ATTACK STILL SURPRISING. THE MORE SO WHEN THE U.S. ACCORDING ALSO TO NY TIMES, DOES NOT SEEM TO BE IN POSITION TO CAST FIRST STONE."

7. UNSIGNED PIECE, IL TEMPO: "KISSINGER'S HEAVY AND UN-DIPLOMATIC ATTACK CAUSED AMAZEMENT EVEN IN US POLITICAL CIRCLES. THEY NOTED THAT KISSINGER'S REMARKS CAME AT WORST MOMENT, WHEN US EXECUTIVE HAS REACHED LOWEST LEVEL OF POPULAR CONFIDENC IN US HISTORY."

8. IL GIORNO CARRIES FACTUAL STORY BY AURO ROSELLI FROM NEW YORK, UNDER HEAD: "KISSINGER STATES HE IS WORRIED ABOUT 'REAL AND SERIOUS  
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